World Bank assistance for irrigation projects in Andhra Pradesh

3303. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the World Bank has come forward to finance some irrigation projects in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) An agreement has been signed with the World Bank on 28-05-1986 for an assistance of US $ 271 millions for the Andhra Pradesh Irrigation Project-II. The assistance will be operative up to 30-06-1994 The main components of the project are:—

(i) Construction of part of Srisailam right Branch Canal;

(ii) Construction/upgrading of Kakatiya Canal;

(iii) Construction of distributaries and minors;

(iv) Training of the staff of Andhra Pradesh Irrigation Department; and

(v) Resettlement and rehabilitation of oustees.

Provision of irrigation facility in Chittoor District in Andhra Pradesh

3304. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in Chittoor District in Andhra Pradesh there is not even a single medium/major irrigation project till today; and

(b) what special steps, if any, are being taken by the Central Government to provide assured water supply for irrigation in Chittoor District?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MARDHA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Schemes are to be formulated by Government of Andhra Pradesh from their resources.

Pension cases of freedom fighters of Andhra Pradesh

3305. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of pension cases of freedom fighters from Andhra Pradesh pending with the Ministry;

(b) what is the number of such cases which have been pending for more than three years;

(c) what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) what steps are being taken for their speedy disposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) During the Special Drive undertaken in July-August, 1986 all pending cases excepting 195 cases from Andhra Pradesh, apart from Hyderabad Border Camp cases and Arya Samaj cases were disposed of. As a result of efforts made since then, only 47 such cases were awaiting finalisation in this Ministry as on 31st October, 1987.

(b) All these 47 pending cases are more than three years old.

(c) Verification reports of the State Government have not been received so far in the above cases.